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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: UNEP, IMCO, SENV, MT, US
SUBJECT: "ARGO MERCHANT" OIL SPILL

1. ON FEBRUARY 17, THE AMBASSADOR PAID A COURTESY CALL ON PHILIPPE LE LOURD, DIRECTOR OF THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED MEDITERRANEAN REGIONAL OIL-COMBATING CENTRE, WHICH HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS ON MANOEL ISLAND, MALTA, IN PREMISES PROVIDED BY THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT. THE CENTRE IS SPONSORED BY UNEP IN COOPERATION WITH IMCO.

2. DURING HIS CALL, THE AMBASSADOR WAS ASKED IF THE EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE THE CENTRE WITH DOCUMENTATION ON THE DECEMBER 1976 OIL SPILL OFF NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS, WHICH WAS CAUSED BY THE BREAK-UP OF THE LIBERIAN TANKER "ARGO MERCHANT". THE AMBASSADOR INFORMED MR. LE LOURD THAT WE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH HIS REQUEST.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD FORWARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ANY AVAILABLE USG REPORTS ON THE "ARGO MERCHANT" OIL SPILL
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